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DICTS CHANGE WITH NEW ADMINISTRATION

1. IN INTERVIEW DISTRIBUTED HERE BY GOC PUBLIC INFORMATION
OFFICE NOVEMBER 15, GREEK CYPRIOT NEGOTIATOR, MAKARIOS
CONFIDANT AND MEMBER OF GREEK CYPRIOT ALL-PARTY DELEGATION TO
UNGA CYPRUS DEBATE, TASSOS PAPADOPOULOS, WAS ASKED IF HE HAD
NOTICED ANY CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY IN VIEW OF FACT U.S. REPRE-
SENTATIVE HAD REITERATED SECRETARY'S UNGA SPEECH PRINCIPLES AND
SAID EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO IMPROVE THESE PRINCIPLES. PAPA-
DOPOULOS RESPONDED: "WE DO NOT EXPECT ANY CHANGE IN THE POLICY
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OF THE PRESENT AMERICAN GOVERNMENT, NOR HAVE WE NOTICED

SUCH A CHANGE. IF THERE HAS BEEN ANY CHANGE, THIS, I BELIEVE, HAS BEEN FOR THE WORSE AS REGARDS THE U.S. ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE CYPRUS GOVERNMENT. BESIDES THIS WAS PROVED BY THE POSITIVE VOTE GIVEN BY THE AMERICAN DELEGATION TO THE TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADERSHIP'S DEMAND THAT ITS REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD ADDRESS THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. FOR MANY ALLIES OF AMERICA, NOT TO SAY FOR MANY MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN DELEGATION, THAT WAS AN INCOMPREHENSIBLE STAND. IT WAS A DEVELOPMENT THEY COULD NOT EXPLAIN AND THEY INVOKED LAST-MINUTE INSTRUCTIONS FROM WASHINGTON. NEVERTHELESS, I, ON MY OWN, AS WELL AS WITH MR. KYPRIANOU AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION HAD, OUTSIDE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, CONTACTS WITH NON-GOVERNMENTAL FIGURES, WITH FIGURES CONSIDERED TO BE CLOSE TO THE NEW AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION, THE NEW PRESIDENT, AND I THINK, IT IS ONLY RIGHT THAT A CHANGE SHOULD BE EXPECTED. TO WHAT EXTENT THIS CHANGE WILL BE EFFECTIVE AND TO WHAT EXTENT IT WILL BE MANIFESTED PUBLICLY, IT WOULD BE TOO EARLY AND INADVISABLE FOR ANYONE OUTSIDE THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE A FORECAST. NO DOUBT, THERE WILL BE SOME CHANGE. IN ANY CASE I DO NOT THINK THAT THERE CAN BE A WORSE ATTITUDE THAN THAT OF THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION. CONSEQUENTLY ANY CHANGE SHOULD SOMEHOW BE BETTER THAN THE EXISTING SITUATION."

2. ASKED ABOUT PROSPECTS FOR RESUMPTION OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, PAPADOPOULOS REPLIED: "I BELIEVE THAT AFTER THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY DEBATE AND THE APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION, EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO RESUME THE DIALOGUE. I WOULD EVEN SAY THAT PRESSURE MAY BE BROUGHT TO BEAR FOR A HASTY RESUMPTION OF THE DIALOGUE." HE PREDICTED "MEANINGFUL AND CONSTRUCTIVE AND USEFUL NEGOTIATIONS" COULD ONLY TAKE PLACE WHEN ALL PARTIES REALIZE TURKISH CYPRIOT SIDE MUST AGREE" TO SUBMIT CONCRETE PROPOSALS ON ALL ASPECTS OF THE CYPRUS PROBLEM, PARTICULARLY ON THE MOST IMPORTANT TERRITORIAL ASPECT, AS IT HAD UNDERTAKEN TO DO AT THE FIFTH ROUND OF THE VIENNA TALKS."

3. COMMENT: WE REPORT STATEMENT IN DETAIL, AS IT APPEARS TO US AS ONE MORE EXAMPLE OF GOC'S CAMPAIGN TO PREVENT
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ANY NEW INITIATIVES ON CYPRUS QUESTION BEFORE END OF YEAR. REFERENCE TO CURRENT U.S. ATTITUDE TO CYPRUS COMES CLOSE TO BEING HARSHTEST WE HAVE SEEN YET FROM LEADING GREEK CYPRIOT POLITICAL FIGURE.
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